# Cops seize drugs, paraphernalia in raid

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Eight people, including five teenagers, face drug-related charges after police raided a Dunbar Crescent home in Markham Thursday night.

Responding to complaints from neighbours, officers from Markham's COR (Community Oriented Response) unit conducted a search at 70 Dunbar just before midnight.

Officers seized about 90 grams of marijuana and 17 grams of a substance appearing to be cocaine, as well as drug paraphernalia, including rolling papers, tin foil, scissors and bags.

Police charged 10 people who were at the house at the time, eight for drug offences, one youth for breach of recognizance and a 15-year-old for weapons offences.

"Basically, the residents of the street are fed up with the activity that goes on at that house," said Det. Norn Miles. "The citizens are the ones who decided to complain. We received letters, including those with plate numbers of cars stopping there."

He said the COR unit received excellent co-operation from neighbours as they set up the sting over the last few days, Miles said.

"When this kind of thing goes on in a neighbourhood, police can't arbitrarily decide that it's drug activity," Miles said. "But working together means empowerment of those citizens."

A 15-year-old youth, who was leaving the home as police arrived, was found with a replica handgun almost identical to the Berettas used by York officers.

"He was acting suspiciously and when the officer took hold of the weapon, he said, 'It's not real, it's not real'," Miles said.

Several people, including a 47-year-old resident of the house, are already facing drug charges as a result of a similar bust in January, he added.

Two men, including the Dunbar Crescent resident and a 35-year-old Markham man are charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

Four Markham girls, two 15, one 16 and one 14, are charged with possession of a controlled substance.

A 28-year-old Toronto man is charged with possession and failing to comply with probation, while a 35-year-old man from Markham stands charged with possession.

Facing a breach of recognizance charge is a 17-year-old from Toronto. A 15-year-old, also from Toronto, is charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

They appear in Newmarket court Sept. 22.

## Third pedestrian killed

A Woodbridge man is dead after being struck by a car while trying to cross Hwy. 7 in Woodbridge Thursday night.

He's the third pedestrian to die on or near the highway in the past week.

Tatiah Arnold Sanasie, 34, was crossing from north to south, west of Ansley Grove Road at about 10:05 p.m. when he walked into the path of a westbound 1990 Buick Regal, driven by a 51-year-old man from Woodbridge.

Sanasie was taken to York Finch Hospital, where he died.

Early Wednesday morning, Murray Glen McLeod, 49, of Whitby was struck and killed on Hwy. 7 at Town Centre Boulevard in Markham.

And last Saturday afternoon, 62-year-old Yu Ming Liao, of Markham, was killed when she attempted to cross Warden Avenue, just north of Hwy. 7, apparently against the lights.


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